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TAGS: PFOR, US,NU

SUBJECT: HUECK'S INVITATION TO CONGRESSMAN KOCH REMAINS OPEN

1. NOVEDADES OF MARCH 25 CARRIES EFE STORY FROM WASHINGTON ATTRIBUTING TO SPOKESMAN FOR MR. KOCH HIS REJECTION OF INVITATION TO NICARAGUA TO SEE FOR HIMSELF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. EFE STORY REFERS TO MR. KOCH'S BELIEF THAT HE IS NOT APPROPRIATE PERSON TO INVESTIGATE AND DESIRE TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NICARAGUA. STORY DOES NOT REPORT RECOMMENDATION THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BE INVITED TO INVESTIGATE.

2. SAME EDITION CARRIES EDITORIAL CHARACTERIZING REPLY OF MR. KOCH AS SLIPPERY AND CYNICAL CONTRADICTION. ARGUMENT IS THAT MR. KOCH WAS WILLING TO PUBLICLY JUDGE NICARAGUA FROM WASHINGTON BUT CLAIMS TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA TO LEARN THE TRUTH WOULD BE INTERVENTION.

3. MARCH 26 NOVEDADES CARRIES REPORT THAT HUECK SAYS INVITATION IS STILL OPEN UNTIL MR. KOCH DECIDES WHETHER HIS ACCUSATIONS ARE TRUE OR FALSE. HUECK AT SAME TIME TRIES TO DISCREDIT MR. KOCH BY REFERRING TO STATE DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET ON ERRORS IN FATHER CARDENAL'S TESTIMONY LAST JUNE WHICH WAS BELATEDLY PUBLISHED IN NOVEDADES ON MARCH 24. HUECK AND GON ARE TRYING TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT FATHER CARDENAL'S TESTIMONY, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED HERE, WAS DISCREDITED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY DEPT REBUTTAL. OPPOSITION LA PRENSA OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCH 2 SUBTLY MAKES POINT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT REBUTTAL WAS OLD NEWS AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CURRENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION. THEBERGE

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